

applicable talk from the text, "For the promise is unto you, and to your children." A good audience was present and enjoyed the devotional spirit of the service very much.

**Thomasville:** We are having feasts of good things at our Sunday morning services. We only regret that our pastor cannot give us two services each Sunday. But, unfortunately, he must divide his time with Lexington, where he preaches every Sunday night. On the 24th of June, under the inspiration of the present stirring times in our national affairs, he brought us a sermon on "The Lack of Real Religion and Patriotism," in which Rev. Mr. French landed on the "Big Interests" of our country, reproving them for their gross breach of patriotism, if not a lack of real religion, at a time when the government is soliciting their hearty co-operation. The pastor then appealed to the congregation not to allow the pressure of the present time to turn them from the faith. Our congregations are increasing and all departments of the work are taking on new life.

G. W. Corbin.

**Davidson:** Davidson has measured up well to responsibility in subscribing to the Red Cross Relief Fund during the past week. Her estimated population is something less than 1,200, but the canvassers set \$1,200 as the minimum to be secured. A whirlwind campaign, with an initial subscription from Major James Lee Sloan of \$300 and a generous one from Dr. J. P. Munroe, of Charlotte, whom Davidson still lays claim to as a citizen, resulted in raising \$1,113, with a number of summer absentees still to be heard from. This, in addition to \$179 previously subscribed in the organization of a branch chapter here some days ago.

In the good work of bringing the town to see its privilege and duty a visit and address by Dr. I. W. Faison, Dr. J. P. Munroe, Rev. Dr. D. H. Rolston and Mrs. Ralph Van Landingham, of Charlotte, were very helpful.

The campus and town have some time since assumed their vacation look. The campus is, of course, deserted, and many of the professors are away. President Martin and family, Dr. Thomas W. Lingle and family are at Montreat, Professor A. Currie and family at Dublin, Va., Dr. J. M. McConnell at the University of Virginia, Dr. Arbuckle and family at his home in West Virginia, Professor Macon Reed at Columbia University. Dr. Sentelle at his former home in Tennessee, Professor W. A. Wood at Charlottesville.

Rev. Dr. Richards has just completed a cottage at Montreat, and while he does not expect to take a vacation before August, Mrs. Richards and children will leave early in July for this delectable spot.

The fact that Mrs. Barnes, of this place, so long connected with one of the large and popular student boarding homes of Davidson, is to be the matron at the North Carolina Synod's Home for Christian Workers soon to open at Montreat is a guarantee that it will be properly and satisfactorily conducted for all concerned.

Work on the new alumni building has progressed most rapidly, indeed with practically no interruptions, from the very beginning. The walls are completed and the first sections of the roofing timbers are being placed. A delay of a few days in this part of the work may be experienced in the failure of the big steel trusses to arrive on time. But these are promised at an early date, and meantime the force of hands can be kept at work with certain sections of the flooring and basement.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA.

**Greenville:** The ladies of the Second church recently tendered Rev. and Mrs. Lowry Davis, returned missionaries from China, a reception at the church. It was a delightful function and was well attended by Presbyterians and others. The rooms were tastefully decorated. Many Chinese curios gave a good insight to Chinese life. Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Davis expect to take a special course in Columbia University before they return to China.

#### TEXAS.

**Daniel Baker:** The twenty-eighth annual session closed on the sixth instant with the conferring of the degree of Bachelor of Arts upon ten graduates and the honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy upon three distinguished ministers of the State. It is significant that exactly one-half of the senior class are at the Officers' Training Camp at Leon Springs.

Those who received the degree of Bachelor of Arts are: E. A. Anderson, Brownwood, Texas; Maude A. Cooke, Brownwood, Texas; M. K. McCullough, Brownwood, Texas; H. G. Oxford, Turnersville, Texas; E. L. Phillips, Brownwood, Texas; M. J. Prentice, Brownwood, Texas; C. D. Robertson, Morrellton, Ark.; J. C. Smith, Holder, Texas; H. S. Stapleton, Victoria, Texas; N. P. Wilkinson, Brownwood, Texas.

The certificate of graduation in oratory was awarded to Miss Juanita Williams, Brownwood.

The honorary degree of Doctor of Philosophy was conferred by the trustees upon Rev. Frank E. Fincher, Houston, Texas; Rev. K. P. Barton, Brownwood, Texas; Rev. Baxter Greer, professor of Bible and philosophy in Daniel Baker College, Brownwood.

The commencement address was delivered by Rev. K. P. Barton, of Brownwood, and was a powerful presentation of the individual responsibility of the college graduate of the present day. Rev. F. E. Fincher, of Houston, on last Sunday morning delivered the baccalaureate sermon at 11 o'clock, and addressed the Christian Associations at 8:30 P. M.

The year just closed has been one of unusual success from a financial standpoint since it is the first time in the history of the institution that the treasurer of the college reported a balance on hand instead of a deficit. The session has also been one of advancement along many other lines, such as the trembling the number of books in the library and the addition and very material increase in the science department.

The next session will open September 20th.

**Fort Worth:** I have just closed a meeting under the tent with Rev. E. A. Lindsey and his North Fort Worth Presbyterian church.

We had many obstacles in the way. First the weather, rain storm and wind, interfered, then it was commencement week for all the schools, city, private and denominational. Also the stock yards had on one of their very busiest times and hindered many from attending, and a big street carnival was in full blast just two blocks north of us all the while.

God answered prayer and gave us a victory far above what the people expected. The last Sunday, June 11th, was a great day. There were forty professions of faith on this one day, many at the very last service. Many were grown men and women, some past middle life.

It was a great scene when, at the close, a whole line across the tent, and some places two deep, stood up and

received the right hand of fellowship. There were fifty-nine to join, nearly all by profession, and nearly all joining North Fort Worth Presbyterian church. The pastor looks for many more to come in, probably as many as seventy-five. It was a clear answer to prayer from a Father who loves to answer prayer.

I am now engaged with Brother Gregg at Moran, Erath school-house, and you could not have struck a busier time, right in midst of wheat and oat harvest and cotton chopping. I am looking to the same prayer-hearing God to sweep things out of the way and give us victory here also in answer to prayer. Pray for it. Fine congregation last night, three asked prayer and one was converted. Can only have night services so far.

John E. McLean,  
Evangelist.

**Midland:** Rev. William H. Foster, a recent graduate of Austin Theological Seminary, has just taken charge of this church as its pastor.

**Crockett:** This church and community has just been visited with a gracious revival. Rev. Frank Wright and Rev. William Young have held meetings with us for two weeks, including three Sabbaths. The attendance upon these services morning and night (except that we had no services on Saturday), was large; on Sunday night it being necessary to place in the church many extra chairs. Mr. Wright did the preaching, and it was according to sound doctrine, and very interesting. He also sang at each service with fine effect as a solo some appropriate song. Mr. Young also sang very sweetly at each service an appropriate solo. He is a fine leader of the song service. Our people, Methodists, Baptists and others, as well as Presbyterians, are enthusiastic in expression of their appreciation of these gospel services and believe the whole community has experienced a gracious revival. Much good seed has been sown in song and preaching, which we believe will bear fruit in the days to come. Nine of the children of the church were added to our membership. There were about thirty professions in all, many of them expressing a preference for churches of other denominations. We are thankful to God for sending these brethren to us. Rev. Frank Wright is the son of a Choctaw Indian, who was not only at one time chief of the Choctaws, but also a Presbyterian minister. The father Allen Wright, and this gifted son, are some of the fruits of the labors of missionaries among the Indians in the early days. Mr. Wright, a half Choctaw Indian, does not detract from his usefulness, but rather increases it. These brethren as they go to other fields to labor as evangelists are followed by the prayers and affectionate regards of the good people of Crockett.

S. F. Tenney.

#### WEST VIRGINIA.

**Kanawha Presbytery:** Adjourned meeting, Kenova, W. Va., April 24, 1917. At this meeting the pastoral relation between Rev. J. B. Waller and the Kenova church was dissolved to take effect on or before July 1st. Mr. Waller was given permission to labor outside the bounds of the Presbytery until the next meeting.

Adjourned meeting, Charleston, W. Va., May 21, 1917. Candidate George L. Kerns was licensed and dismissed to the Presbytery of Norfolk to be assistant pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Norfolk.

Called meeting, Charleston, W. Va., June 25, 1917. At this meeting Mr. R. Waller Blain, who has been secured as a Sunday-school missionary,

was licensed to preach the gospel.

Rev. C. O. Pardo was dismissed to the Presbytery of Greenbrier.

Called meeting, Huntington, W. Va., June 26, 1917. At this meeting Rev. J. L. Mauze was received from the Presbytery of St. Louis, and arrangements were made for his installation as pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Huntington. Rev. F. D. Stevenson was dismissed to the Presbytery of Atlanta.

John W. Carpenter,  
Stated Clerk.

**Kanawha Presbytery:** At a called meeting of this Presbytery Dr. J. Layton Mauze was duly received from the Presbytery of St. Louis, and on his acceptance of the pastoral call to the First Presbyterian church of Huntington, W. Va., the following order was taken for his installation on Sunday, September 30, 1917. Rev. W. W. Moore, D. D., to preside, preach and propound the constitutional questions; Rev. David M. Sweets, D. D., to charge the people; Rev. Ernest Thompson, D. D., to charge the pastor, with Rev. Samuel M. Glasgow, alternate to either of the above, with Ruling Elders Hon. John L. Dickenson and C. W. Campbell to constitute the commission for the above service.

J. K. Hitner.

#### CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Rev. F. W. Haverkamp, from St. Joseph to Eastminster church, Benton and Anderson Avenues, Kansas City, Mo.

#### PERSONAL.

**Mr. A. W. Hawks,** popularly known as "Sunshine Hawks," for the past six years has been engaged in doing very effective evangelistic and platform work in Louisiana and Mississippi. He has held evangelistic meetings for a number of our churches in those States. He is the son of Major Hawks, of Stonewall Jackson's staff, and has a son who is a lieutenant in the United States navy. Mr. Hawks has returned to his home in Ruxton, Md. Anyone wishing to secure his services can write to him at that place.

#### THE ASSEMBLY MINUTES.

The minutes of the 1917 General Assembly were completed and began to be sent out on the 21st of June, just four weeks after the Assembly ended. This week in envelopes previously addressed, we are mailing them as fast as practicable, and by the time this notice is read, they ought to be in the hands of all our ministers and of those who subscribed during the Assembly. Should any fail to receive their copies, if they will notify me I will help to trace them out.

I trust that the volume will prove satisfactory to those concerned. No pains have been spared to issue it promptly, and at the same time to make it clear and logical in its arrangement and correct in its details. But that errors will appear we cannot but expect. It is the composite work of well-nigh five thousand men, including clerks of session, stated clerks of Presbytery, members of the Assembly, and of the Executive, Permanent and Ad Interim Committees, and unavoidably mistakes will slip in. But I am sincerely grateful for the privilege and opportunity of presenting to our Church this comprehensive and valuable exhibit of its work during the last year.

Thos. H. Law,  
Stated Clerk.

Spartanburg, S. C., June 26, 1917.

#### Y. M. C. A. WAR WORK.

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